

1. A casket comprising:

a casket shell;

a casket cap closeable upon said shell; and

a cap insert removably secured in an upper side of said cap.

2. The casket of claim 1 further comprising an emboss formed in an upper surface of said cap, said cap insert removably secured in said emboss.

5 3. The casket of claim 2 wherein said cap insert is frictionally fit into said emboss on said cap.

4. The casket of claim 2 further comprising:  
a mounting adaptor secured to said emboss on said cap;  
said cap insert removably secured to said adaptor.

10 5. The casket of claim 4 wherein said mounting adaptor comprises:  
a base, said base secured to said emboss on said cap;  
at least one vertical spacer, said at least one spacer having one end portion coupled to said base and other end portion adapted to removably secure said cap insert.

15 6. The casket of claim 5 further comprising:  
a housing coupled to said at least one vertical spacer, said housing having a recess formed therein for receiving said cap insert.

7. The casket of claim 5 wherein said cap insert is generally planar.

8. The casket of claim 5 wherein said base is frictionally fit into said emboss on said cap.

5 9. The casket of claim 1 wherein said cap comprises:  
a head end cap; and  
a foot end cap, said cap insert positioned onto said foot end cap.

10 10. The casket of claim 1 wherein said cap insert is rectangular with a pair of opposed shorter sides and a pair of opposed longer sides.

11. The casket of claim 1 wherein said cap has a shape, said cap insert conforming to said shape of said cap.

12. The casket of claim 11 wherein said cap is arcuate and said cap insert is matingly arcuate.

15 13. The casket of claim 1 wherein said cap insert is metal.

14. The casket of claim 1 wherein said cap insert is leather.

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15. The casket of claim 1 wherein said cap insert is marble.

16. A method of constructing a casket comprising:

providing a casket shell;

providing a casket lid;

forming an emboss in an upper surface of the lid;

providing a decorative lid insert; and

installing the lid insert in the lid emboss.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein the casket is fabricated of metal and the emboss is formed by stamping.

18. The method of claim 16 wherein the casket is fabricated of wood and the emboss is formed by routing.

5                    19. The method of claim 16 wherein the lid insert is fabricated of metal.

20. The method of claim 16 wherein the lid insert is formed of leather.

10                  21. The method of claim 16 wherein the cap insert is formed of marble.

22. The method of claim 16 further comprising:  
providing the casket lid with a curved upper surface; and  
providing the lid insert with a mating curvature.

15                  23. The method of claim 16 further comprising:  
providing the casket lid with a curved upper surface;

providing a lid insert mounting adaptor configured to fit into the emboss of the curved upper surface of the lid and configured to receive and display the lid insert in a planar configuration;

installing the mounting adaptor in the lid emboss; and

5                   attaching the lid insert to the mounting adaptor.